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Office Action Summary

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FREY ET AL.

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MICHAEL YAARY

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 September 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-8 and 13-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-8 and 13-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/S508)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 09/18/2008
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-4, 6-8, and 13-23 are pending in the application.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 09/11/2008 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-4, 6-8, and 13-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ullmann et al. (hereafter Ullmann)(US Pat. 7,120,685).

5. **As to claims 1, 13, and 19**, Ullmann discloses a method comprising:

Generating a unified logging and tracing system having a logging system to generate log messages, and a tracing system to generate trace messages (abstract and column 2, lines 11-27), and cross-referencing the trace messages and the log messages or generating language-independent messages for the log messages, wherein the unified logging and tracing system is compatible with multiple output formats and is controllable such that setting hierarchies of the unified logging and tracing system are reusable, the unified logging and tracing system (column 3, lines 13-65);

The unified logging and tracing system, wherein executing includes receiving one or more messages from an application via one or more log controllers being managed by a log manager (column 3, lines 47-65), wherein each of the one or more log controllers is a class that includes one or more subclasses or modules selected from a group comprising a category to generate the log messages and a location to generate the trace messages, wherein the trace messages are emitted to the location, the location including an area of program code (column 3, line 47-column 4, line 37);

Displaying the logging messages and the tracing messages as generated by the unified logging and tracing mechanism (column 5, lines 48-62).

6. **As to claims 2, 3, and 14**, Ullmann discloses the log manager configures a plurality of logging routines for a kernel (column 2, line 60-column 3, line 12).
7. **As to claims 4, 15, and 20**, Ullmann discloses the log manager provides support for storing system critical logs in a database (column 3, line 66-column 4, line 1).
8. **As to claims 6, 16, and 21**, Ullmann discloses the unified logging and tracing system comprises a formatter to format each of the logging and tracing messages prior to publication of the logging and tracking messages, wherein each of the logging messages is associated with a log record, wherein the log record includes severity information, the severity information having one or more of debug, path, info, warning, error, fatal, and none, wherein the formatter includes one or more subclasses or modules selected from a group comprising a list formatter, a trace formatter, and an Extensible Markup Language (XML) formatter (column 3, lines 13-65).
9. **As to claims 7, 17, and 22**, Ullmann discloses the formatter is associated with one or more logs, wherein each of the one or more logs includes one or more subclasses or modules selected from a group comprising a stream log, a file log, and a console log (column 3, lines 13-65).
10. **As to claims 8, 18, and 23**, Ullmann discloses one or more of the file log and the console log include subclasses of the stream log (column 3, line 47-column 4, line 49).

Response to Arguments

11. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-4, 6-8, and 13-23 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL YAARY whose telephone number is (571)270-1249. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lewis Bullock can be reached on (571) 272-3759. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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